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Dear Prime Minister:

I am asking Ambassador Galbraith to deliver to you personally a copy of a speech I am making tonight, concerning the dangerous developments in Cuba and the action I have authorized.

The new Soviet actions in Cuba came at the very moment that the Chinese Communists have launched their aggressive attacks on your forces. Our thoughts are with you in your hour of trial.

As to Cuba, the evidence that offensive nuclear missile bases have been installed in Cuba by the Soviet Government is accurate beyond question. Your Ambassador here will be fully briefed on the details. This Soviet action is being taken in direct contradiction of Mr. Khrushchev's statements, confirmed to me personally even a few days ago by Foreign Minister Gromyko, that only ~~defensive~~ defensive weapons were being supplied Cuba.

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You will recall that I stated publicly a month ago that "if at any time the Communist buildup in Cuba were to ... become an offensive military base of significant capacity for the Soviet Union, then this country would do whatever must be done to protect its own security and that of its allies." An immediate quarantine, therefore, is necessary to prevent further offensive missile installations by the Soviet Government in Cuba.

I have told Mr. Khrushchev that I hope that his Government will refrain from any action which will deepen this crisis and that we can agree to resume the path of peaceful negotiation.

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I am ~~the~~ requesting an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council. I have asked Ambassador Stevenson to present on behalf of the United States a resolution calling for the withdrawal of missile bases and other offensive weapons in Cuba under the supervision of United Nations observers. This would make it possible ~~possible~~ for the United States to lift its quarantine. I hope that you will instruct your representative in New York to work actively with us and speak forthrightly in support of the above program in the United Nations.

The Department of State has given your Ambassador full

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information and I assure you we will keep you fully informed of all developments.

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